

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Commemoration of the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Festival of St Matthew the Apostle	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Michaelmas: Festival of St Michael and all Angels	30			

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Harvest

There is no single 'official' date for harvest festival but this would usually be in September or early October. It always works well if school and parish can collaborate on this.

Martyrs of Papua New Guinea may be an interesting story for older children. They were Christian teachers, clergy and believers who courageously gave their lives for their faith during the Second World War.

St Matthew was a tax collector whom Jesus called to become a disciple, and he is traditionally remembered as the writer of the first Gospel

Michaelmas celebrates St Michael (an archangel) and all angels, God's messengers.

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4 Festival of St Francis of Assisi	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Commemoration of both Elizabeth Fry and Edith Cavell	13	14	15	16	17
18 Festival of St Luke the Evangelist	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Festival of King Alfred	27	28 Festival of St Simon and St Jude	29	30	31

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St Francis of Assisi was a humble Christian saint who gave up wealth to serve the poor and is remembered for his love of God's creation.

Elizabeth Fry worked to improve prison conditions. **Edith Cavell** was a nurse who cared for people in need and showed great courage during wartime. They are remembered as Christians who lived out their faith in courageous service to others.

St Luke was a doctor, companion of St Paul, and the writer of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

King Alfred the Great was a wise Christian king who defended his people, promoted education, and helped spread learning throughout England.

St Simon and St Jude were two of Jesus' twelve apostles who faithfully shared the good news of Christ with others.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day (commemoration of the departed)	3	4	5	6	7
8 Remembrance Sunday	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Festival of Christ the King	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 First Sunday of Advent: Hope and The Patriarchs	30 Festival of St Andrew the Apostle					

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All Saints' Day celebrates all Christian saints, known and unknown, who have faithfully followed Jesus and inspired others by their example.

All Souls' Day is a time to remember and give thanks for those who have died and to trust them to God's loving care.

On **Remembrance Sunday**, we remember all who have served, suffered, or died in war and pray for peace in the world.

Christ the King celebrates Jesus as Lord of all creation and reminds Christians to follow his example of love, justice, and service.

Advent marks the beginning of the Church year, as Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. In the Church calendar, each Sunday of Advent is linked to a Christian value and to a biblical figure.

The **First Sunday of Advent: Hope** for the arrival of God's promised saviour, Jesus Christ. **The Patriarchs:** Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the prophets who first received God's promises of a Saviour.

St Andrew was one of Jesus' first disciples and is remembered for bringing others to Christ and sharing the Gospel faithfully.

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		1	2	3	4	5
6 Second Sunday of Advent: Peace and The Prophets	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday): Joy and John the Baptist	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love and Mary	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 St Stephen, the first martyr
27 St John the Evangelist and First Sunday of Christmas	28 The Holy Innocents	29	30	31		

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The **second Sunday of Advent**: reflecting on the **peace** that Jesus brings to the world and to our hearts. Remembering **The Prophets**, especially Isaiah, who foretold the coming of the Messiah.

The **third Sunday of Advent**: celebrating the **joy** of the birth of Jesus drawing near. Remembering **John the Baptist**, who prepared the way for Jesus and called people to repentance. The Latin word **Gaudete** means 'rejoice' or 'be joyful.'

The **fourth Sunday of Advent**: giving thanks for God's **love**, shown most fully in the gift of Jesus. Remembering **Mary's** faith and obedience in accepting God's call to be the mother of Jesus.

Christmas Day celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who came into the world to bring hope, peace, and salvation.

St Stephen was the first Christian martyr, remembered for his courage, faith and forgiveness, even in the face of death.

St John the Evangelist was one of Jesus' closest disciples and the writer of a Gospel, remembered for his message of God's love.

The Holy Innocents commemorates the infant children killed by King Herod after the birth of Jesus and reminds us to protect the vulnerable.